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THE monthly meeting of the Club was held at the Royal Society's Hall, on Monday evening, 14th September, 1885.

The president, the Rev. J. J. Halley, occupied the chair, and about seventy-five members and visitors were present.

A letter was read from Dr. J. E. Taylor, F.G.S., thanking the Club for his election as an hon. member.

The hon. librarian acknowledged the receipt of the following donations to the Club's library:—

"Proceedings of the Royal Society of New South Wales" for 1884, vol. XVIII., from the Society; "Report of Smithsonian Institution," Washington, U.S.A., for 1882, from the U.S. Govt.

The hon. secretary read an account of the Club excursion to Cheltenham on the 12th inst., written by Mr. C. French, F.L.S. On account of the heavy rain in the morning, the excursion was only moderately attended. On arrival at Cheltenham, the members took a westerly direction towards Brighton. Several pools were tried for specimens of pond life, but nothing of importance was captured. The country was simply a blaze of bloom owing to the numerous *Leguminous* plants, such as *Acacias*, *Darviesias*, etc.; *Epacrids*; *Comesperma volubile*; and others. During the day over seventy species of plants were noted in bloom. Orchids were not abundant, being more frequent nearer the beach. On some low ground a splendid patch of the beautiful Epacrid, *Sprengelia incarnata* was seen. Insects were very scarce, doubtless owing to the early period of the season.

The following ladies and gentlemen were elected members of the Club:—Miss Millne, Mrs. Parker, Mrs. Wm. Bage, Messrs. W. Bage, Joseph Bryant, and E. H. Hennell.

Papers for future meetings were pronounced by Hon. Dr. Dobson, F.L.S., Messrs. O. A. Sayce, A. W. Coles, H. T. Tisdall, F.L.S., and H. Watts.